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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, PINS

SUBJECT: TELEPHONE THREAT AGAINST EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER, MAY 12, 1975

1. ON MAY 12, AT 1645 HOURS FSLE ADVISED THE SECURITY OFFICE OF THE FOLLOWING; AT 1640 HOURS SHE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL. THE CALLER WAS A MALE WITH A MATURE VOICE, ACCENT INDICATED HE WAS A RESIDENT OF B.A. AND THE INDIVIDUAL APPEARED TO BE EDUCATED. CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE IN CASTELLANO. THE CALLER ASKED TO SPEAK TO THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE. HE WAS INFORMED THAT HE WAS CONNECTED TO THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE'S OFFICE. CALLER STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE. CALLER INFORMED THE SECRETARY THAT AN IMPORTANT OFFICIAL WOULD BE KIDNAPPED ON MAY 12, 13, OR 14 FROM THE STREET ARENALES 2800 AT (HIS) OFFICIALS HOME. CALLER REPEATED AT HIS HOME. THE SECRETARY REPEATED THE ADDRESS TO THE CALLER WHICH WAS CONFIRMED. THE NAME OF THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE WAS NOT MENTIONED. BEFORE THE SECRETARY COULD OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THE CALLER BROKE THE CONNECTION.

2. ACTION BY RSO: AMBASSADOR, DCM, COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMICS AND COMMERCIAL ATTACHE INFORMED OF THE INCIDENT. INDIVIDUALS WERE ADVISED THAT THE ADDRESS ARENALES 2800 COINCIDED WITH THE BLOCK IN WHICH THE EMBASSY HAS ITS TEMPORARY QUARTERS. THESE QUARTERS ARE LOCATED AT 2863 ARENALES. PRESENTLY RESIDING IN TEMPORARY
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QUARTERS IS THE COUNSELOR FOR ADMINISTRATION, JOHN

V. HEDBERG, AND THE POLITICAL SECRETARY MARIA DE LOS ANGELES GONZALEZ. MR. HEDBERG WAS ADVISED OF THE POTENTIAL THREAT. IN TURN ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO PLACE A CONTRACTUAL GUARD ON HEDBERG'S QUARTERS. HE IS PRESENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING TO PERMANENT QUARTERS, SOME DISTANCE FROM THIS LOCATION AND EXPECTS TO EVACUATE THE ARENALES 2863 ADDRESS ON FRIDAY, MAY 16. MISS GONZALEZ WAS TEMPORARILY MOVED FROM HER QUARTERS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE RSO'S OFFICE TO THE SHERATON HOTEL.
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